

## ATTY. GEN. NEWTON WANTS HOME RULE FOR STATE RIVERS

Will Try to Upset Esch Law  
That Puts Streams Under  
Federal Control.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—Attorney General Charles D. Newton will bring suit immediately to test the constitutionality of the so-called Esch Water Power law, had to restrain the Federal Water Power Commission from interfering with or disposing of the waters of New York State.

The Esch law gives to the Federal Commission the power to take away from New York its streams and rivers, lease them for any purpose for fifty years, at the end of which time they become the property of the

United States to be disposed of as the Administration then in power sees fit. The law applies to streams traversing or bordering the State.

Under the Esch law, the validity of which the Attorney General assails, the Federal Water Power Commission assumes to exercise jurisdiction over the water power sites, plants and structures located on the State's naturally navigable streams.

"I have concluded it is my duty," Attorney General Newton said, "if the Legislature approves, to commence a suit in the Supreme Court of the United States to restrain the Federal Water Power Commission from interfering with or disposing of the water powers of this State, on the ground that the act of Congress of Aug. 8, 1917, is void in so far as it assumes to authorize such commission to deal with our water powers."

"No question is raised by the State as to the power of Congress to regulate navigation, but this act makes the regulation of water power its primary purpose. This is clearly shown by the proceedings of the commission at its recent meeting in Washington and by the applications pending before the commission for action."

"The power of control over this great natural resource is of the first importance to this State and to all its people for heat and power and as a source of commercial development of State revenue."

"I understand that the Governor will have some suggestions for legislative action on the subject, and I shall lay before him such information

as I possess. But I think he is already fully informed as to the issue which will be raised in this suit, and I expect his support."

## DIVES IN ICE CAKES TO RESCUE A BOY

Conductor of Train Which Brake-  
man Stopped Then Helps Both  
to Shore.

Six-year-old George Washington Sutton of No. 122 West 91st Street was running along the shore of the Hudson River at 8th Street yesterday afternoon when he slipped and fell into the water among big cakes of ice. One of his playmates, whose name could not be learned, crawled out on the floating ice and catching hold of his hands tried to drag him out of the water. Another boy stood on the shore and cried for help.

Five minutes later a New York Central and Hudson Railroad locomotive with caboose appeared. In the caboose was Bert Quinn, a brakeman. Quinn heard the cries, stopped the engine and dived into the river.

Dodging the heavy ice cakes which many times threatened to crush his head, Quinn reached the boy just as Emmet Rogers, conductor of the train, came to his assistance. Rogers got Quinn and the boy ashore and took them to a nearby roundhouse.

George was wrapped in a blanket, and an ambulance called from Knickerbocker Hospital. Dr. Smith took him home.

## TO PUSH TAX EXEMPTION.

Curran Will Fight for Law Not to  
Levy on New Buildings.

Borough President Curran announced yesterday at the meeting of the Sinking Fund Commission, when the housing situation came up for discussion, that he intends to keep pushing his ordinance pending before the Board of Aldermen for the exemption from taxation for ten years of new buildings for homes.

This ordinance is held up in the General Welfare Committee of the board by the Republican leader, Alderman Ferrand. President La Guardia also has opposed it. An effort to force the com-

mittee to report it out, so it can be voted on, will be made at the next meeting of the board.

## BOGUS \$20 RESERVE NOTE.

Counterfeit Drawn on Chicago Fed-  
eral Bank Has Cleveland's Picture.

A new counterfeit \$20 Federal Reserve note is in circulation. It is drawn on the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, carries check letter "A," plate No. 142 and a portrait of Cleveland, noticeably defective. The paper does not bear the imitation of the silk fibre of genuine notes.

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